

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 6 are pending and under consideration in the above-identified application, and Claims 4 and 5 were previously cancelled.

In the Office Action, Claims 1-3 and 6 were rejected.

In this Amendment, Claims 1 and 6 are amended and Claim 15 has been added. No new matter has been introduced as a result of this Amendment.

Accordingly, Claims 1-3, 6 and 15 are at issue.

I. 35 U.S.C. § 103 Obviousness Rejection of Claims

Claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Okazaki* (U.S. Patent No. 5,670,797) in view of *Sekiguchi* (U.S. Patent No. 6,771,327).

Claim 1 is directed to a display panel, and has been amended by incorporating limitations of Claim 6.

In relevant part, Claim 1 recites:

“.... a substrate on which a plurality of display devices is formed, and a protective film formed directly on both the substrate and the plurality of display devices for protecting the plurality of display devices; and

....

each of the plurality of the display devices has an organic emitting layer, and the protective film seals the organic emitting layer and includes at least inorganic material.”

That is, the protective film seals the organic emitting layer of each of the plurality of the display devices and includes at least inorganic material.

This is clearly unlike *Okazaki* in view of *Sekiguchi* and further in view of *Siwinski*.

The Examiner acknowledges in regard to the rejection of Claim 6 that *Okazaki* as modified by *Sekiguchi* fails to teach or suggest that each of the display devices has an organic emitting layer, but states that *Siwinski* allegedly does.

However, *Okazaki* discloses that the plurality of devices (LED chip 14 on substrate 17) is sealed by a light-transmitting resin 16. Thus, in *Okazaki* the plurality of LED devices, rather

than OLED devices, are sealed by a resin, rather by a protective film having at least an inorganic material, as required by Claim 1.

Further, *Siwinski* discloses an OLED structure (device) where light emitting elements 52, conductors 54, a hole injection layer 56, an organic light emitter 58, an electron transport layer 60 and a metal cathode layer 62, are formed on a substrate 50. A transparent cover sheet 51 is then placed above metal cathode layer 62, and is sealed to the substrate 50. Thus, in *Siwinski* the organic light emitter 58 is protected by placing the transparent cover sheet 51 over the metal cathode layer 62, rather than sealing it with a protective film composed of at least an inorganic material, as required by Claim 1.

Moreover, the three references, taken singly or in combination, do not render obvious all of the limitations of Claim 1. That is, even when combined the three references fail to fairly teach or suggest that each of the plurality of the display devices has an organic emitting layer, and that the protective film seals the organic emitting layer and includes at least inorganic material. As such, *Okazaki*, *Sekiguchi* and *Siwinski* may not properly be combined to reject Claim 1.

Thus, Claim 1 is patentable over the three cited references, taken singly or in combination with one another, as are dependent Claims 2 and 3, for at least the same reasons.

New Claim 15, which depends on Claim 1, is also patentable over the three cited references, for at least the same reasons.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that this claim rejection be withdrawn.

II. 35 U.S.C. § 103 Obviousness Rejection of Claims

Claims 6 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Okazaki* in view of *Sekiguchi* as applied to Claims 1 -3 above, and further in view of *Siwinski* (US 6,814,642).

Claim 6, which depends on Claim 1, shown above to be allowable over *Okazaki*, *Sekiguchi* and *Siwinski*, is also patentable over these references, for at least the same reasons.

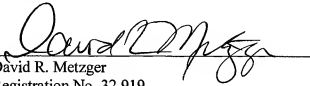
Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that this claim rejection be withdrawn.

III. Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that Claims 1-3 and 6 are clearly allowable over the cited prior art, and respectfully requests early and favorable notification to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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